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Title: SCANNER UNIT HAVING FIRST AND SECOND
INHIBITING ELEMENTS FOR INHIBITING MOVEMENT OF
A FRAME (As Amended)

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated March 31, 2004, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this document.

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Please amend the application as follows: